

MIDLAND ARCHÆOLOGICAL SERVICES

Archaeological Evaluation
Land Behind Corbar
First Drift Stamford
PE9 3JL



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- A programme of archaeological trenched evaluation was undertaken on land behind Corbar, First Drift, Wothorpe, Stamford, PE9 3JL. This was conducted by Midland Archaeological Services prior to development of the site and to satisfy a planning condition.
- This programme of work concluded that natural soil, subsoil and topsoil were present throughout the site, no archaeological features or deposits were encountered.

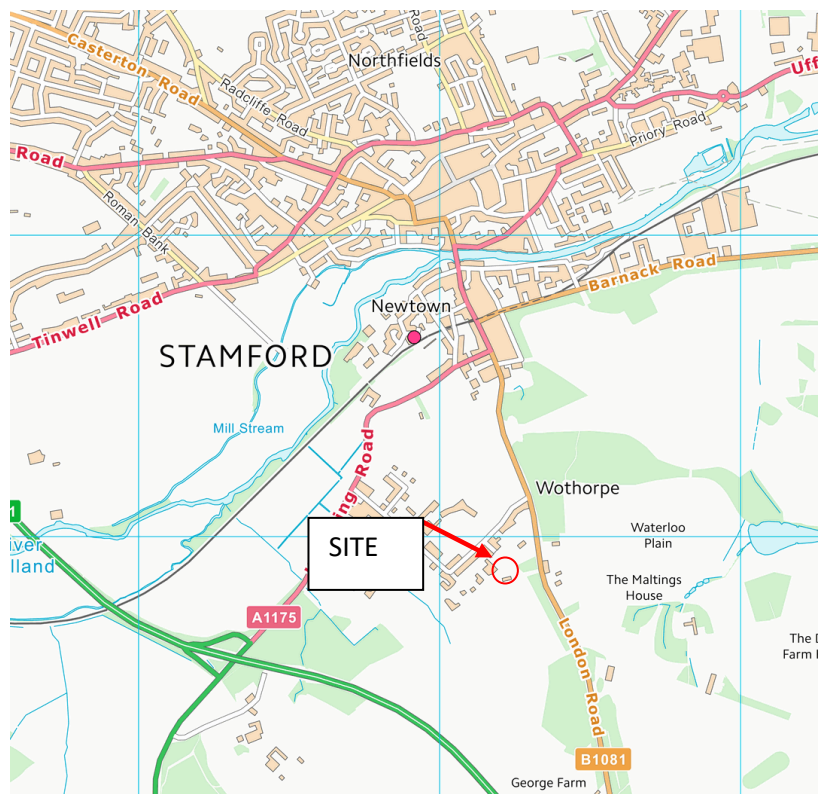


Fig.1: Location Map 1:25000.

1.0 Introduction

Midland Archaeological Services (MAS) were commissioned by Mr T Dykes to undertake a programme of archaeological trenched evaluation prior to development works on land at: Land behind Corbar, First Drift, Wothorpe, Stamford, PE9 3JL, hereafter called the site.

2.0 Location and Description

The site lies to the south east of 1st Drift and to the north east of The Maltings, where it forms an L shaped plot within the rear garden of Corbar. The site is centered on TF 03198 05991 at 50m OD, whilst the underlying geology comprises of Northamptonshire Sand Formation, Ironstone Ooidal¹, (figs. 1, 2, 3).

¹ BGS 1978



Fig.2: Location Plan 1:1250

3.0 Planning Background

Peterborough City Council has granted permission for: the erection of: *a 4-bed, 2-storey dwelling with integral garage*, ref: 18/00766/FUL.

The City Archaeologists has recommended that a programme of evaluation be undertaken prior to development of the site, due to the possibility of archaeological remains being encountered, notably the Roman Road Ermine Street and any associated archaeology.

4.0 Aims and Objectives

The aim of this programme of evaluation is to gather information on the archaeology of the site, so that an informed recommendation can be made to the local planning authority

regarding the potential impact of development upon any archaeology within the development area.

5.0 Methodology

The methodology required the positioning of one 25m long by 2m wide trench within the development area, this being the location of the proposed dwelling. Once on site, some repositioning of trenches was required, to avoid trees and shrubs. The final trench layout amounted to 1 x 20m long trench and 1 x 5m long trench, both of which were positioned within the footprint of the development area, neither trench targeted any known archaeological remains (fig.3).

Each trench was excavated in spits with a 3-ton tracked excavator fitted with a wide bladed bucket until the first archaeological horizon was reached. The trenches were then hand cleaned and recorded in plan, along with a representative section drawn of the soil stratigraphy in each trench.

The evaluation was conducted on the 18th of March 2019 by the author.

Archive Creation

On completion of the fieldwork all photographic films were processed by a specialist laboratory and scanned at a resolution of 600dpi for selective inclusion within this report.

All field notes and drawings were checked for completeness and ordered into a documentary archive based on the requirements of the receiving museum. The basic archive includes:

1. 2 photographic registers
2. 1 context register
3. 1 drawing register
4. 3 context sheets
5. 1 drawing sheet

6.0 Archaeological and Historical Background

No known archaeology is present on the site but the site lies to the immediate north east of the Roman Road Ermine Street.

The settlement of Wothorpe is first mentioned in the 11th century and was the site of Wothorpe Priory, a small Benedictine nunnery.

7.0 Results

Trench 1

Three deposits were encountered within this trench, natural sand/mudstone (001), subsoil (002) and garden soil (003), whilst frequent rooting was present throughout the trench, (fig. 3, Appendix 1, 2).

Trench 2

The results for this trench were the same as Trench 1.

8.0 Discussion and Conclusion

No archaeological features or deposits were encountered in either trench, whilst no unstratified finds were encountered.

9.0 Effectiveness of Methodology

The methodology was effective, the machining of each trench revealed underlying soil deposits.

10.0 Acknowledgements

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11.0 Site Archive

The project archive will be prepared according to the recommendations in *Guidelines for the Preparation of Excavation Archives for long term storage* (UKIC 1990)², (Museums and Galleries Commission 1992),³ (MoRPHE 2008)⁴.

The date for archive deposition with the County Archive is not currently known but it is hoped to be deposited during October 2019.

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Appendix 1: Context Descriptions

- (001)** Mid orange silty, clayey sand in excess of 0.07m in thickness with occasional sub-angular limestone fragments poorly sorted. Natural soil.
- (002)** Mid brown clayey silt between 0.10-0.12m in thickness with occasional poorly sorted angular small stones. Subsoil.
- (003)** Mid brown/grey loam between 0.10-0.20m in thickness with occasional rounded and sub-rounded poorly sorted stones. Garden soil.

Appendix 2: Colour Plates



Plate 1: Pre-excitation shot of trench area looking east.



Plate 2: Working shot Trench 1 looking south west.



Plate 3: Trench 1 looking south west.



Plate 4: Trench 2 looking south west.



Plate 5: Section 1 looking south east.



Plate 6: Section 2 looking north west.



Plate 7: Overall site view of trenches looking east.

Appendix 3: Oasis**OASIS ID: midlanda1-346366****Project details**

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Project name | Land behind Corbar Wothorpe |
| Short description of the project | Trenched evaluation of land prior to development. |
| Project dates | Start: 18-03-2019 End: 18-03-2019 |
| Previous/future work | No / No |
| Any associated project reference codes | COBR 18 - Sitecode |
| Any associated project reference codes | 18/00766/FUL - Planning Application No. |
| Type of project | Field evaluation |
| Site status | None |
| Current Land use | Other 5 - Garden |
| Monument type | NONE None |
| Significant Finds | NONE None |
| Methods & techniques | "Targeted Trenches" |
| Development type | Rural residential |
| Prompt | Planning condition |
| Position in the planning process | Not known / Not recorded |

Project location

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| Country | England |
| Site location | CAMBRIDGESHIRE PETERBOROUGH WOTHORPE Land behind Corbar, First Drift, Wothorpe, Stamford |
| Postcode | PE9 3JL |
| Study area | 1250 Square metres |
| Site coordinates | TF 03198 05991 52.641476810532 -0.47467329063 52 38 29 N 000 28 28 W Point |
| Lat/Long Datum | Unknown |
| Height OD / Depth | Min: 0.3m Max: 0.32m |

Project creators

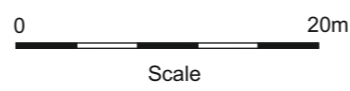
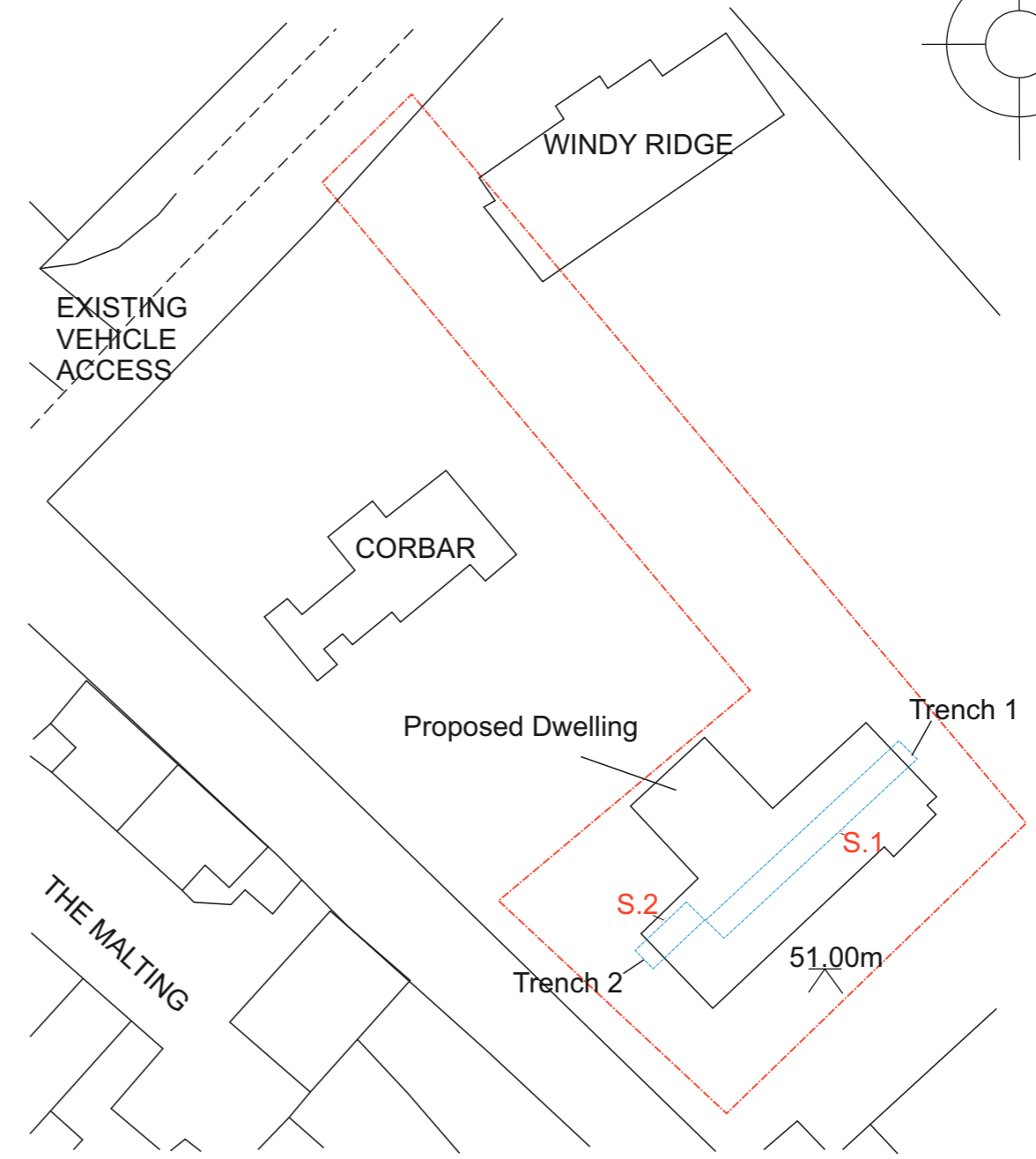
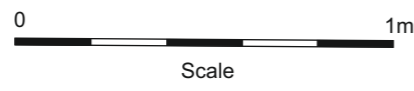
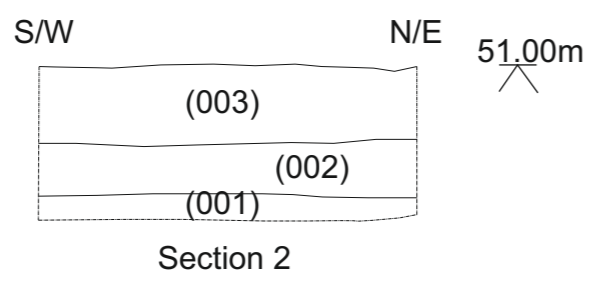
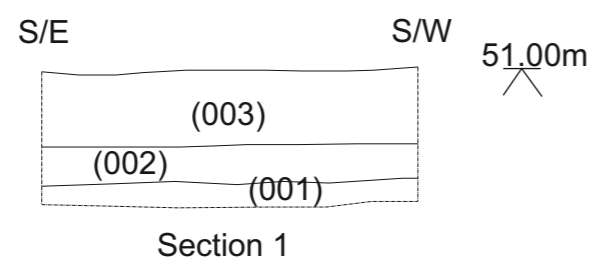
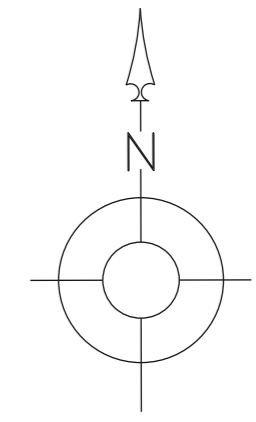
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Project archives

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| Digital Archive Exists? | No |
| Paper Archive recipient | Peterborough Museum |
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